



## Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Christi Harlan was appointed FEMA's Assistant Director of the External Affairs Directorate by Director Joe M. Allbaugh in June 2001. In that capacity, she is responsible for overseeing the divisions of public, congressional and intergovernmental, and international affairs, as well as community relations functions.

Before joining FEMA, Ms. Harlan was communications director for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Previously, she was Washington correspondent for the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper and a staff reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*. She also was a managing editor of *American Lawyer* newspapers, staff reporter for the *Dallas Morning News* and staff reporter for the *Lufkin (Texas) News*.

A native of Manhattan, Kansas, Ms. Harlan earned a bachelor of arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, at Nacogdoches, Texas, with majors in journalism and English. She holds a master of studies in law from Yale Law School. She is active in the Society of Professional Journalists, having served as national chairman of the society's Legal Defense Fund and as president of the society's New York City and Dallas chapters.

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